Title: Need to develop Lonar Crater in Buldhana Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra as a tourist resort - Laid.

SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL (BULDHANA): A large section of population living in my constituency of Buldana hail from the Backward, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities. There is no industry in my constituency. Sir, due to lack of industries, the economic condition of the people of my constituency is very poor.

The unique crater at Lonar in Central Maharashtra is a spectacular spot and is one of the five largest such craters in the world. The Lonar crater is the only natural impact crater in basalt rock in the world. At the bottom of the crater a lake has formed around on which small settlements have been established. This unique geological site is home to an impressive list of migrant and resident birds including kingfishers, orioles and minivets. It is also home to a unique peacock sanctuary. The temples built in the Hemadpanti style are situated inside the crater. The structure are in a dilapidated condition.

Lonar Crater, which is situated in my constituency, could not get worldwide publicity due to lack of proper infrastructure. Sir, there is an urgent need to develop Lonar Crater as international tourist place to attract foreign as well as national tourists.

I would request the Central Government to kindly develop Lonar Crater as International Tourist Centre so that the local people get job opportunities and the backwardness of this area can be removed.